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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR \$1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. One reference cited in the Search Report, EP 0 788 946, is also discussed in the specification of the present invention.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(e)


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